

Around About

By Justine Weatherford

As Americans recall events of the year 1981, each individual will feel differently about the way these might be rated; however, surely everyone will long remember the excitement of the return of the hostages from Iran just as the new administration took over in Washington. The great development of the reusable space rocket also captured world interest as did other progress in the explorations of outer space.

The domestic and world-wide economic recession has caused much disruption in many lives everywhere. In our state the curtailment of construction and the distressful resulting depression of the lumber industry has been very hurtful.

The Heppner community has seen several changes during the year: such as, the Skow's RV Park on Main Street, the enlargement and remodeling of the bowling alley, the changes in hours in the three groceries, the new management of two of the filling stations, the movement of Les Schwab Tire Center into the long-vacant, old Ford garage and the new operation of the R & W Drive-In.

The relocation of the post office is a big improvement, although it is sad to see empty store space on each side of its larger, lighter, new location. Many have hoped that the restaurant space on the opposite side of the street, empty since West of Willow folded, would attract a new tenant.

The separation of the senior meal site from the very helpful Neighborhood Center was a rather shocking and painful event for a time, but the new arrangements are now working out nicely.

The preliminary work being done before the beginning construction of the dam on Willow Creek has moved along steadily, with roads being relocated, a new bridge being constructed, and the promised improvements to the city's water system are progressing.

The 1981 Morrow County Fair and Rodeo were well attended and seemed bigger than ever, partly because a carnival helped enlarge attendance. The cultural events at the high school—several outstanding plays and concerts were also well attended as were programs at the elementary and junior high schools. Heppner school athletic teams have been outstandingly successful this year.

The inauguration of the Yard of the Month program by the Heppner Garden Club and the Chamber of Commerce drew attention to outstanding local landscaping efforts. The printing of updated brochures by the chamber became a reality. The AAUW sponsored Artificery joined by the Greens Workshop and the artists' display was again a successful event of December's first Saturday.

The fall arrival of a few new school teachers and the placement of several new clergymen in churches here brought new life into the community. Each family and individual has had some good and some not-so-good days in 1981. Happy events with friends and families have been good. The loss of several fine friends and neighbors has been sad. We suffer with those who are ill and rejoice with those who recover their health.

Some Heppner and south Morrow friends have gone out into the wide world and have brought back knowledge of far places. Irene Swanson looked about in Japan, Hong Kong and Thailand. Inez Erwin was in Europe again, Fred and Helen Martin learned first-hand about India, Mary Goheen went into China, Frank and Kay Anderson are sharing their adventures in India with everyone, others have traveled to Alaska, Hawaii, the Caribbean and about the U.S. and Canada.

My own travel experiences were most enjoyable this year, and I am most thankful that my recent, lonesome drives to Portland, Spokane and Cheney were negotiated safely. I feel like I want to stay right here at home for the next 50 or 60 days at least.

Although some of our friends are still celebrating Hanukkah (also written Hannaka or Chanukah) which began on the eve of the 25th day of the Hebrew month Kislev and lasts for eight days, most of us are about ready to dismantle our Christmas trees and tuck away Christmas ornaments and the greeting cards we have enjoyed so much.

Now we enter a new year with great hope for better conditions in the world and in our own state. We feel that our community will continue to progress and to be sharing and caring to its residents. So God bless you—and a Happy New Year to everyone.

The Dalles revenue office to close

The Oregon Department of Revenue office in The Dalles will close permanently after Dec. 31. The revenue department has had an Assessment and Appraisal Division office there, providing assistance to county assessors, said a news release from the Department of Revenue.

The closure is a result of the agency's program to reduce expenses. Counties which have been

served by The Dalles office will be assisted by other revenue department offices. The Bend office will provide assistance for Hood River, Sherman and Wasco counties. The La Grande office will serve Morrow, Gilliam and Wheeler counties.

The Dalles office has been staffed by William H. Johnson. He will become manager of the La Grande district office in January.

Mustangs romp through pre-league ball, maintain perfect record

The Heppner Mustangs continued their romp through pre-league basketball play last Tuesday, this time claiming Riverside as a victim in a 73-39 shellacking that left the boys in blue undefeated so far this year. The game was played in Heppner.

"Dorian Forrar had a super ball game. He scored 24 of his 28 points in the first half, and pulled in 12 rebounds," said Heppner Coach Dale Holland.

The Mustangs came to play, and dominated the Pirates from the start, leading 6 to 18 at the end of the first quarter.

At the end of the first half Heppner had all but put the game away, going into the locker room with a 38-10 lead.

It only got worse for the Pirates from there, with the Mustangs outscoring Riverside 35 to 29 in the second half to end the game with a 73-39 win.

The Mustangs saw other good play from Don Lott, who scored 15 points, 13 of them at the free throw line. He also

garnered six assists in the game.

Holland was also pleased with his team's defense, saying the Mustangs played "exceptional" ball in the first half.

With their latest win, Heppner moves into league play against Riverside on Jan. 8 with a perfect 6-0 record. Their second league game will be against Pilot Rock Jan. 9 in Heppner.

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Heppner	18	20	19	16	73
Riverside	6	4	12	17	39

Heppner Summary

	Reb.	Asst.	TP
G. Orr	4	1	1
Huston	1	1	2
Forrar	12	2	28
Currin	9	1	7
Connor	3	1	6
Lott	7	6	15
Bier	2	0	6
Holland	7	5	4
Murray	5	2	4
Total	47	18	73



photo by Michele Portmann

Don Lott (34) goes up for the shot against Riverside

Bowling News

Koffee Kup Keglers

December 22	
Won - Lost	
Gutter Dusters	47-17
Weary Wives	35-29
Three L's	32-32
Three Holers	31-33
Hi Ho's	31-33
Newcomers	28-26
The Pylts	26-38
The Dregs	26-38
High game: Betty Snow	201
High series: Judy Rickert	536
High team game: Three Holers	619
High team series: Gutter Dusters	1677
Splits: Iris Campbell 5-7 and Zoe Watts 5-10.	

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December 22	
Won - Lost	
Sears	38-26
S & J Mkt	37-27
Central Market	35-29
Coast to Coast	34-30
Peterson's	31 1/2-32 1/2
M.C.G.G.	29-35
Gardners	26-38
Les Schwab	25 1/2-38 1/2
Splits converted: Cathy Hansen 5-10.	
High game: Sandi Hanna	186
High series: Millie Hanna	493

The Sears team has won the first half of the split season. Kitty Coon won a turkey, donated by Central Market, for bowling the most pins over her average. She bowled 56 pins over her average during the first game.

The language of Taki, spoken in parts of French Guinea, consists of only 340 words.

Heppner JV boys take 45-42 win over Riverside Pirates



photo by Michele Portmann

Jay Hayes (30) makes a save in action against Riverside

The Heppner boys junior varsity basketball team roared from behind in the final minutes of the game to take a 45-42 win over the Riverside JV's in the Heppner gym Dec. 22.

Heppner outscored Riverside 15-4 in the final five minutes, going ahead 43-40 on Marty Britt's three-point play with one minute to go. Greg Orr stole the ball and scored on a breakaway layup in the final seconds to seal the win after Riverside had scored.

The Mustangs had trailed the entire game, falling behind 22-15 at halftime, and 35-27 after three quarters. But Heppner tightened up its defense, got some steals, and battled back to take the victory.

Britt led Heppner scoring with 15 points, while Sid Kennedy added 11.

Kennedy also grabbed eight rebounds and Orr contributed five assists and six steals. In Coach Brent Eggers rating system, Orr led with a +10 rating, followed by Kennedy with +5, and Eric Thompson and Britt at +3 each.

Poor foul shooting hurt the Mustangs, said Eggers. Heppner made 7 of 24 free throws, while the Pirates were 10 for 20 at the line.

"It was one of the greatest come-from-behind wins that I've seen," said Eggers. "We played very poorly in the first half, but kept chipping away at them in the second half."

Greg Orr gave us a big lift off the bench and made some great passes. The kids didn't give up."

The Mustang JV's, now 3-1 for the season, don't play again until Jan. 8 when they travel to Boardman to face the same Riverside ball club.



The first American to enter the Olympic Pentathlon was George Patton, later General Patton.

The Following Heppner Merchants Will Be Closed Saturday Jan. 2

- Gardner's Men's Wear
 - Sears Authorized Catalog Store
 - Lott's Electric
 - Case Furniture
 - Green Feed
- Have A Happy New Year

WE WILL BE CLOSED

FRIDAY & SATURDAY

Jan. 1 & 2
OPEN MONDAY AS USUAL

HAVE A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

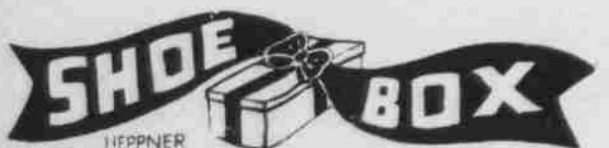
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3 rolls Roxbury Cut Above 16 ⁹⁵ sq yd at \$11⁹⁵	4 Rolls 12-ft wide linoleum \$5⁹⁵ sq yd On Sale At \$7⁹⁵ & \$8⁹⁵	Also Good Buys On Armstrong Inlaid Linoleum
1 Roll Columbia 14 ⁹⁵ At \$9⁹⁵ and several more odds-n-ends	2 rolls 12-ft wide linoleum 5 ⁹⁵ sq yd at \$3⁹⁵	Fabric Table At 50% Off

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